

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...that this really isn't going to do them a lot of good and it certainly won't do any good right now, but perhaps down the road maybe, maybe there will be some adjustments. Thank you.

SENATOR HORGAN: Okay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Wehrbein. We have 27 fourth graders from Central Elementary in Plattsmouth and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Horgan, would you yield to a question, please.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Going back to the issue that Senator Hall brought up yesterday, was discussing that sum with him and I wondered about the last two lines there in that part of the amendment that addresses the policy as to where they could work. It has a statement that says, without having to notify the retirement board and without being subject to any withholding of future retirement payments, but is there...will they have to contribute to the retirement fund? If they go back to work, will they still have to pay into those things?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, it depends on what their status as an employee is. I mean, for instance, if you...if you leave a public school and go work at the university, university teachers do not participate in the state school retirement system. They participate in TIAA-CREF which is a national retirement system for higher education people. So it's a separate fund and indeed you could, I suppose, if you became an employee and I don't know if...I assume there is full-time requirement, so if...I'm assuming that if you became a full-time employee at the university, you could perhaps then probably participate in TIAA-CREF as a retirement system. Currently, in statute now and in talking to the PERB board, they suspect there may be some people out there who have done that. If they find out that a